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(*b*) whether the Government have received any complaints about the inconvenience caused to parties and Honorary Magistrates thereby?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No.

Rao Bahadur C. NATESA MUDALIYAR:—" May I know whether the hon. the Law Member would consider the advisability of having the Honorary Magistrates' Court at Washermanpet instead of at George-town?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—" I have already given my answer to my hon. Friend, Mr. Abdul Hameed Khan, namely, the Government were trying to find a building at Washermanpet, but they were not successful so far."

Mr. YAKUB HASAN:—" Is it not a fact that people from Mylapore have to go to the Egmore Court and, if it is so, will Mylapore have a court at Mylapore itself?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—" I want notice of the question."

Protest by the Adi-Dravidas in regard to the election of members to the Village Panchayat Court, Vadakku Valliyur.

* 307 *Q.*—Mr. M. DEVADASAN: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there was an election of members for the Village Panchayat Court at Vadakku Valliyur in the month of March 1932;

(*b*) whether members of the Adi-Dravidas stood for election for the Panchayat Court;

(*c*) if so, how many;

(*d*) whether they succeeded in the contest;

(*e*) whether any objection was made to the Sub-Collector, Sermadevi, against the election conducted by the Election Officer;

(*f*) if so, what the decision of the officer was;

(*g*) whether any protest was made to the Government against the decision by the Adi-Dravidas;

(*h*) if so, what action was taken upon the same; and

(*i*) whether any memorial was addressed to the Government in the matter and whether the Government will be pleased to lay the memorial on the table of the House?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Two.

(*d*) Their candidature was rejected as they were not qualified under the rules.

(*e*) One of the candidates filed an objection petition before the Sub-Collector, Sermadevi.

(*f*) The objection was over-ruled by the Sub-Collector.

(*g*) A petition from one G. M. David and a memorial from the local Adi-Dravida residents were received alleging that the rejection of the nomination of Shanmugam as a candidate for the election by the election officer was unjust and requesting orders for a fresh election.

(*h*) The petitioners were informed that the Government saw no reason to interfere.

(*i*) a copy [a] of the memorial received by the Government is laid on the table.

Provision of a post mortem shed in Yedapadi in Salem district.

* 308 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any post mortem shed in Yedapadi in the Salem district;

(*b*) whether there are proposals to construct any, if there is none there;

(*c*) if so, at what stage it is and when it is likely to be finished; and

(*d*) where post mortem is being conducted there now?

A.—(*a*) to (*d*) The information has been called for from the District Magistrate.

Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER:—"May I ask whether the information will be made available to this House?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"Yes; when I get it."

Forests

Government control, if any, over the Waterfalls Association at Courtallam.

* 309 *Q.*—Mr. A. Pl. N. V. NADIMUTHU PILLAI: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state whether the Government have any control over the Waterfalls Association at Courtallam?

A.—No; but the advisory committee constituted by the Government exercises control by approving the scale of fees to be levied for the use of bathing sheds and all proposals for the construction of bathing sheds at the Falls, repairs to the pond and bathing platform, etc., are placed before and approved by the Committee.

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[a] Printed as Appendix II on pages 507–509 infra.